



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **DUI Round-Up 49 Arrests in May 2012**

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In May 2012, SBPD made 49 arrests for driving under the influence violations. Numerous arrests are made each month when concerned citizens call 911 after witnessing possible DUI drivers. The SBPD would like to thank the responsible citizens who take the time to call and report possible drunk drivers. The following is information on a few of those cases.

5/4/12 at 0956 hours, Naresh S. Narang (age 49), was observed passed out in the driver seat of his vehicle which was blocking the left turn lane in the 200 block of Garden Street. A citizen, who had observed Narang's vehicle stopped in the roadway, pulled up behind Narang and honked the horn. Narang did not wake up prompting the citizen to pull up in front of his vehicle and flag down a passing officer. Officer Dustin McGrew pulled his patrol vehicle in behind Narang's and approached Narang who was in the driver seat, asleep with his arms crossed and his head resting on his shoulder. Officer McGrew was able to awaken Narang by knocking loudly on the window. Narang's vehicle began to travel slowly forward prompting Officer McGrew to reach into the vehicle across his body and apply the emergency brake. Officer McGrew noted Narang smelled strongly of alcohol and was unable to maintain his balance or even walk without assistance. Narang was unable to complete any field sobriety tests due to his level of intoxication. Officer McGrew placed Narang under arrest for DUI and discovered that Narang has been convicted of DUI 2 prior times in the past 6 years. Narang provided a blood test which registered his **BAC at .44**. Narang was booked into County Jail on \$25,000 bail for his third DUI offense and driving on suspended license.

5/6/12 at 0145 hours, Jorge A. Mejicanos (age 40), was observed driving the wrong way on a one-way street in the 400 block of East Haley Street. Officer Tagles conducted a traffic stop and contacted Mejicanos, and noted he smelled strongly of alcohol. Mejicanos presented a driver's license and identification card to officer Tagles that both returned as fraudulent cards. Mejicanos eventually admitted he had paid \$50 for the fake cards. Officer Tagles conducted a DUI investigation and after determining Mejicanos was too impaired to safely operate a motor vehicle, placed him under arrest for DUI. Mejicanos provided 2 breath tests which registered his **BAC at .19 and .19**. Mejicanos was issued a citation for DUI, unlicensed driver, false driver's license, and no insurance. He was admitted into the Sobering Center.

5/8/12 at 2229 hours, Andrea N. Rohrbough (age 30), was involved in a hit-and-run collision. The victim stated he was driving north when Rohrbough failed to stop at a stop sign; she was traveling at approximately 30 mph when she collided with his vehicle. She immediately fled the scene leaving the front bumper and license plate of her vehicle behind. A records check revealed Rohrbough currently has a suspended license for DUI and is on probation. Officers Klug and Denbrook went to Rohrbough's residence searching for her and were advised that Rohrbough might be at her boyfriend's house, which was near the collision scene. Sgt. Lazarus, Officer Klug, and Officer Denbrook then went Rohrbough's boyfriend's house. Officers noted that Rohrbough's vehicle was at this location and contacted the boyfriend at the front door. He let the officers in to speak with Rohrbough, only to find that Rohrbough had fled the residence through a rear door. She was eventually located hiding in the tall grass in the far corner of the yard. Officer Denbrook conducted a DUI investigation and Rohrbough was eventually placed under arrest for hit-and-run, DUI, violation of probation, and driving on

a suspended license. She provided 2 breath tests which registered her **BAC at .12 and .13.** She was booked into County Jail.

5/17/12 at 1715 hours, Michael Hines (age 63) was observed driving at an unusually slow speed by the manager of his residence. The manager called 911 to report that he believed Hines to be driving while intoxicated as he knows Hines to be frequently intoxicated and was concerned by the slow speed in which he was driving. Officer Biamonte and Officer Garcia contacted Hines who was still sitting in the driver seat of his vehicle. Hines stated he consumed a bottle of wine the night prior to driving. Officer Garcia conducted a DUI investigation and determined that Hines was too impaired to safely operate a motor vehicle. Officer Garcia placed Hines under arrest for DUI and Hines requested a breath test. Hines provided 2 breath samples which registered his **BAC at .14 and .14.** Hines was found to currently be on probation for DUI. Hines was issued a citation and admitted into the Sobering Center.

5/18/12 at 0147 hours, Lucianna Salgado (age 24) was driving on Motor Way when she made a left turn onto Gutierrez Street without stopping for the stop sign. Officer Tudor, the Drinking Driver Team Officer, was driving west on Gutierrez Street and observed Salgado's violation and conducted a traffic stop. Officer Tudor contacted Salgado and noted she smelled strongly of alcohol, had bloodshot eyes and was slurring her words. Officer Tudor conducted a DUI investigation and Salgado stated she had consumed 2 glasses of wine prior to driving. Officer Tudor determined that Salgado was too impaired to safely operate a motor vehicle and placed her under arrest. Salgado provided 2 breath tests which registered her **BAC at .15 and .14.** She was issued a citation and admitted into the Sobering Center.

5/20/12 at 2327 hours, Richard Romero (age 20) was driving a red Nissan, following a black Land Rover. The female occupant of the Land Rover called 911 to report a road rage incident; she stated she was being followed by a red Nissan and that the driver of the Nissan had been following her in circles yelling profanities at her. Officer Hunter arrived and contacted the victim while Officer Hetteema stopped and contacted Romero, who was driving the Nissan. Officer Hetteema noted that Romero was displaying symptoms of alcohol intoxication and conducted a DUI investigation. Romero stated he had consumed 4 beers prior to driving. Officer Hetteema determined that Romero was too intoxicated to safely operate a motor vehicle and placed him under arrest for DUI. Romero provided 2 breath samples which registered his **BAC at .15 and .17.** Officer Hetteema noted that Romero had a suspended license due to a DUI conviction from last year; additionally Romero was in possession of 2, 12 ounce Budweiser beers in his vehicle. Romero was issued a citation for DUI, suspended license, and minor in possession of alcohol. He was released to a sober person.

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